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September 10, 2003

To: No Action Addressee  
Action: Unknown  
From: AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI (ABU DHABI 4133 - UNKNOWN)  
TAGS: PTER, ASEC  
Captions: None  
Subject: DEMARCHE ON POSSIBLE AL-QAIDA AVIATION THREAT TO THE  
UNITED STATES (S/EC 200322654)  
Ref: None

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TAGS: [PTER](#) [ASEC](#) [TC](#)  
SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON POSSIBLE AL-QAIDA AVIATION THREAT  
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REFS: A) STATE 258046, B) STATE 255099, C) STATE  
244711, D) CIA WASHINGTON DC CIR 316/07421-03

[1](#)1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR MARCELLE M. WAHBA FOR  
REASON 1.5(B & D).

[1](#)2. (S) Econchief delivered ref a demarche to Mohammed  
Al-Ghaith, Director General of the UAE Civil Aviation  
Authority, which sets airport security policy. The  
Director General called in his chief of security  
policy and regulation to pass on USG concerns  
immediately.

[1](#)3. (S/NF) ORCA had previously passed on the threat  
information (Ref D) to UAE State Security for use in

briefing aviation security entities.

14. (S) Al-Ghaith assured econchief that, as the busiest airspace in the region, the UAE takes the security and safety of the aviation sector very seriously adding that the UAE is in direct contact with TSA aviation security officials. Al-Ghaith noted that there are no regularly scheduled direct passenger flights from the UAE to Canada or Latin America (i.e., flying near U.S. airspace.) There is only one flight that currently flies non-stop to the U.S.: a thrice-weekly Malaysia Airlines flight, which transits Dubai. The passengers disembark in Dubai and embark when the aircraft is ready to fly to New York. WAHBA